(b) if so, whether it is proposed to include disaster management subject in social development curriculum during 2003-04 under this; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) As informed by NCERT, there is no proposal to introduce disaster management as a separate subject of study. However, its components like flood, earthquake, drought etc. are being integrated with different subject areas.

E-learning projects in schools

3824. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are going to launch e-learning projects in 60,000 schools during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the criteria fixed for identifying such schools and will the expediture in this regard be met by the Central Government or the schools themselves; and

(c) how many such schools will be covered year-wise during the Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) As per information received from the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, in the Tenth Five Year Plan Document of the Department of Information Technology, there is a reference of Education and Research Network (ERNET), a society under Department of Information Technology, on connecting 60,000 Government funded Senior Secondary Schools. The outlay required for this proposal will be around Rs. 6,000 crores.

(b) The pilot project of Vidya Vahini has been implemented in 140 schools in 7 districts (20 schools in each district) and 7 teachers' training centres in six States namely :

(i) Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)

(ii) Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh)

(iii) Hazaribagh (Jharkhand)

(iv) Gandhinagar (Gujarat)

(v) Chittoor (Andhra Pradesh)

(vi) Parli Vaijnath (Maharashtra)

(vii) South 24-Parganas (West Bengal)

The entire cost of providing equipments at the schools and training centres has been provided by the Government of India. The expenditure on site preparation and providing computer furniture, electricity connection and telephone connection has been borne by the State Government.

(c) The implementation of the Vidya Vahini Programme as indicated in the Tenth Five Year Plan is dependent on the outcome of the Vidya Vahini pilot project and subject to the availability of resources.

Allocation for ACD

3825. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 75 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st February, 2003 and state :

(a) the details of allocation and utilisation of fund for anti-collision device; and

(b) the regions earmarked for introducing ACD during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) Total approved cost of provision of Anti-Collision Device (ACD), including ACD survey, on Indian Railway is Rs. 190.92 crores. Expenditure of approximate Rs. 11.26 crores has been made against this till date.

(b) It is proposed to provide ACD system on Indian Railway progressively. To start with, provision of ACD on about 3500 route kms. of Northeast Frontier Railway, Southern Railway, South Central Railway & Northern Railway have been taken up. Besides, ACD survey have been sanctioned on additional 10,000 route Kms. to cover selected routes on Indian Railways.